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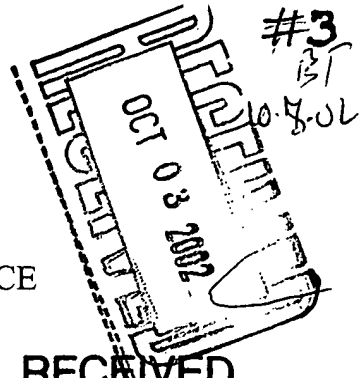
Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby calls the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

Applicants submit herewith a copy of an International Search Report from the Korean Patent Office dated September 25, 2000, with respect to counterpart Patent Application KR 2000-19,727, in which the Korean Patent Examiner cited the following documents:

KR 99-30,989 to KOREAN ELECTRICITY AND COMMUNICATION INC., published May 6, 1999, was cited as a "Y" category document (i.e. document of particular relevance when combined with one or more other documents) with respect to claims 1-4 and 12-15 of the corresponding International Application; the Examiner indicated Figure 3 as being relevant. An English language abstract is also enclosed;



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KR 99-46,783 to HITACHI CORP, published May 25, 2000, was cited as a "P" category document (i.e. document published prior to the filing date but later than the priority date claimed) and an "A" category document (i.e. document defining the general state of the art) with respect to claims 1-4 and 12-15; the Examiner indicated page 4, lines 3-35 as being relevant. An English language abstract is also enclosed;

U.S. Patent No. 5,214,702 to FISCHER, issued May 25, 1993, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-4 and 12-15; the Examiner indicated figure 8 as being relevant;

JP 11-346,210 to NIPPON TELEGRAPH AND TELEPHONE CORP. (designated JAPANESE ELECTRICITY AND COMMUNICATION INC., in the International Search Report), was cited as a "Y" category document with respect to claims 1-4 and 12-15; the Examiner did not indicate a particular portion of the document as being relevant. An English language abstract is also enclosed; and,

EP 386,867 to FISCHER, published October 26, 1994, was cited as an "A" category document with respect to claims 1-4 and 12-15; the Examiner indicated figure 11 as being relevant. This document is noted to be a member of the patent family of the above-noted U.S. Patent.

In addition, Applicants hereby call the following information to the Examiner's attention:

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Korean Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1999-30,983, published May 6, 1999, along with an English language abstract; and

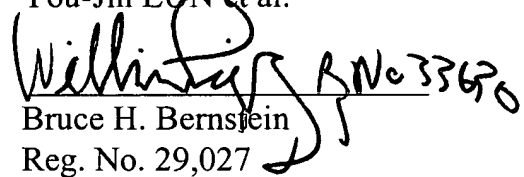
Korean Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 1999-46,783, published July 5, 1999, along with an English language abstract.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and cite the above materials. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as the English language abstract of each Japanese language and Korean language document, are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. A copy of the International Search Report is also enclosed. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to the Applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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